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In re the Application of

Kazuhiro TAKAHASHI et al.

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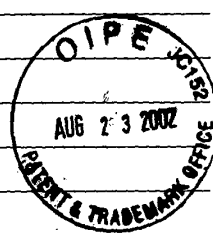
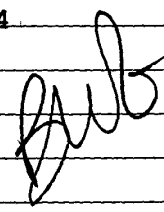
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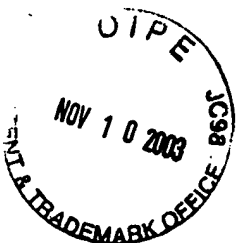
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of each of the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are attached.

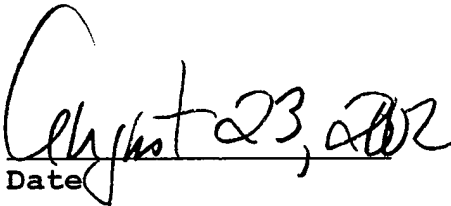
Also enclosed is a copy of a European Search Report bearing a mailing date of June 10, 2002, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

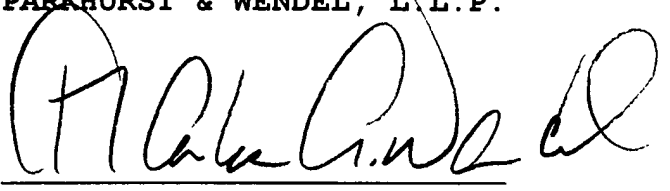
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any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that these references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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